REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 9, 11 and 15 are amended. No new matter is added. Support for the above amendments can be found at least on page 2, lines 16-18 of the Applicant's disclosure. Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Mehrmanesh at the interview held September 11, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0184405 to Omori et al. (hereinafter "Omori"). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

During the course of the interview, Applicant's representatives discussed that Omori fails to teach linkage processing, as described in the Applicant's disclosure. Specifically, Omori fails to teach a linking device that divides and sequentially links a service for linkage processing, the sequentially linked service to be processed by the plurality of service processing devices in an order determined by the sequential links, as positively recited in the pending claims. Instead, Omori teaches a number of independent and unrelated services that are presented to a user over a network, as discussed in paragraph [0133], and linkages which are used to connect applications from a server to a client. Specifically, three types of linkages are used: the basic linkage, the utility linkage, and the backend linkage. The basic linkage connects a user to a server, and allows for the request of application execution, as discussed in paragraph [0122]. The utility linkage service is used to provide applications from a server to a user, as described in paragraph [0121]. Finally, the backend linkage is provided to

monitor a service, as discussed in paragraph [0124]. This monitoring does not control a plurality of linked, distributed, subservices, but instead monitors only a single service.

In contrast, the subject matter of the pending claims positively recites dividing and sequentially linking a service for linkage processing, into, for example, but not limited to, subtasks or subservices, and sequentially links services to be processed by a plurality of service process devices in an order determined by the sequential links. For example, but not limited to, a sequential chain of subservices, that when executed and completed in order comprises a complete service. These features are further defined at least on pages 2, lines 16-18 of Applicant's disclosure.

For at least the above reasons, Omori does not teach, nor would it have suggested, the combination of features as positively recited in claims 1, 5, 9, 11 and 15. Further, claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 12-14 and 16 are also allowable at least for their dependence on allowable independent claims as enumerated above, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recite.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,
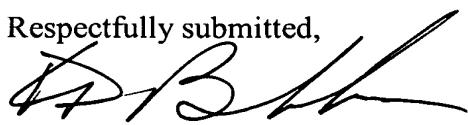
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